REMARKS

Claims 1, 7, and 14 have been amended to clarify the subject matter regarded as the invention. Claims 1-20 are pending.

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-20 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a).

Russell-Falla et al. teaches blocking the display of a web page (or other digital record) from a search engine link that contains a particular type of content. Using a conceptual model to decide to block display of a web page that has been determined, without using the conceptual model, to be responsive to a search query is not the same as using a conceptual model to determine that a document is responsive to a search query, as recited in claim 1. As such, claim 1 is believed to be allowable.

Amended claim 7 recites a computer-readable medium including "instructions to receive a search query associated with said concept," instructions to use the conceptual model to determine "that said document is associated with said concept," and "instructions to conclude, based at least in part on the determination that said document is associated with said concept," that the document is responsive to the search query. As such, claim 7 is believed to be allowable for the same reasons described above

Amended claim 14 recites "when a search query associated with said concept is received," said conceptual model is used to determine "that said document is associated with said concept," and "the determination that said document is associated with said concept is used at least in part to conclude" that the document is responsive to the search query. As such, claim 14 is believed to be allowable for the same reasons described above.

Claims 2-6 depend from claim 1, claims 8-13 depend from claim 7, and claims 15-20 depend from claim 14 and are believed to be allowable for the same reasons described above.

Reconsideration of the application and allowance of all claims are respectfully requested

Application Serial No. 09/815,591 Attorney Docket No. EMCCP074 based on the preceding remarks. If at any time the Examiner believes that an interview would be helpful, please contact the undersigned.

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